

**SUMMARY OF MEETING
NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (8)
SPECIAL MEETING**

Martin Luther King Office Building
2525 NW 62 Street
Miami, FL
Tuesday, June 14, 2005
7:00 PM

Community Council Members Present

Fredericke Alan Morley, Chair
Billy Hester, Vice Chair
Bertha Carswell
Vern Everett

Community Council Members Absent

Anthony Dawkins
Arthemon Johnson

Miami-Dade County Team Metro Staff Present

Ron Williams, Executive Secretary
Anne B. Hodge, Planner
Angela Salomon, Outreach Specialist
Maggie Mestre, Outreach Specialist

Other Miami-Dade County Staff Present

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Morley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was a quorum. Councilman Hester led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Morley requested a brief moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Carswell motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hester and unanimously approved by the members present.

Executive Secretary Report

Mr. Ron Williams, Executive Secretary announced and invited the community to the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Board Meeting, on June 15, 2005, 12 pm at the Martin Luther King Office Building, 2525 NW 62 ST, 2nd floor. Mr. Williams reminded the council members and others present that the next Community Council Non-Zoning

meeting on July 13, 2005, will include the 90 minutes Ethics Training. Chair Morley provided a brief overview of MMAP and encouraged the community to attend. Chair Morley also request that the first thirty (30) minutes of the next scheduled meeting be dedicated to the Charrette Update.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Morley announced the passing of Mr. Ivan McCaskill, Community Activist, June 13, 2005. Home going services will be June 20, 2005, 11 AM from Saint Agnes Episcopal Church, 1750 NW 3rd Avenue in Miami. Chair Morley introduced Mr. Vern Everett as a returning councilmember.

Filling of Council Sub-area 86 Vacancy

Chair Morley asked if anyone was present to represent the Melrose sub-area 86. Mr. James Collazo stepped forward and introduced himself and provided his qualifications for the seat. Councilman Hester motioned for approval and recommendation of Mr. Collazo as new councilmember. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Carswell and unanimously approved by members present.

Miami Dade College Presentation

Dr. Jose A. Vicente, Ed.D, President of the Miami Dade College North Campus provided a provocative presentation of the college. He introduced three (3) deans, Ms. Cristina Mateo, Ms. Beverly Moore, and Ms. Malou Harrison that were in attendance. Dr. Vicente elaborated on the change from Miami-Dade Community College to Miami-Dade College. He stated that they now a level two university that offers Bachelor degrees. He explained that over 53,000 students are served at MDC-North Campus. MDC-North has the largest enrollment in the state of Florida and in the nation east of the Mississippi River.

Dr. Vicente stated that 80% of the police force and 85 % of the fire fighters are trained at MDC. He discussed the schools technology advancements and the pre-school lab which will also be a child care center. He mentioned that they will be reopening the pool facilities within a year to eighteen months. He also discussed the shortage of scientists in the area of natural science.

Chair Morley asked Dr. Vicente about Miami Dade Community College student recruitment. Dr. Vicente stated that they are in the schools on a daily basis to recruit students. He further stated that various community events are being conducted to encourage attendance. Councilmember Everett asked about the amount of homegrown scientists. Dr. Vicente stated that there are currently a third of students graduating from foreign countries and there is a decline on homegrown students registering for the sciences.

Ms. Carswell inquired about the Early Childhood Programs qualifications. Dr. Vicente stated that the age range are from infant to age 5 and currently serves 60 students. The new facility will serve up to 125 participants. Qualifications vary and anyone that is interested should apply.

Community Input and concerns:

Ms. Doretha Nicholson requested that a schedule of Zoning and Non-Zoning meetings for the Council, a roster of the Council members with contact information, and a map with the new Council boundaries. Mr. Williams stated that a schedule of Non-Zoning meetings with the exception of any special meeting that including any CDMP meeting are available. Ms. Nicholson also requested the minutes for the meetings. Mr. Williams advised her that it would not be a problem and that they are also available online.

Chair Morley stated that there should be a list of different projects along with organizations or Community Development Corporations (CDC) that can handle the projects and start working on them. He asked Ms. Nicholson the name of her CDC. She stated that it is the Westview Central CDC.

Chair Morley stated that there should be a list of different projects along with organizations or Community Development Corporations (CDC) that can handle the projects and start working on them. He asked Ms. Nicholson the name of her CDC. She stated that it is the Westview Central CDC.

Chair Morley gave an update on the new library location. He stated the selected location on NW 7 Avenue and NW 96 Street was rejected because the Commission said that they would have to tear down the building.

Inspector General report discussion

Chair Morley advised that he attended the Council Chairs' meeting and all the Chairs agreed that they would go to their Council Members and draft a resolution regarding the Inspector General's (IG) report regarding Community Councils. Chair Morley stated that one of their main issues was the lack of quorum at meetings. It was stated that when there is no quorum the county staff still has to be paid. The pay issue was the main concern. Chair Morley stated that he suggested that administrative time be given to the staff attending the meetings. The Inspector General suggested that perhaps the Council meetings should be conducted downtown. Chair Morley expressed that this would be ineffective since the main objective for the Community Councils are to bring the government to the people.

Chair Morley agreed with the IG's suggestion of increasing the board from 7 to 9 members. He stated that it may make obtaining a quorum easier. Mr. Everett wanted to know if all the chairs agreed on the additional members. Chair Morley stated that the Chairs agreed to bring the suggestion back to their councils for their input. Mr. Everett

stated that since the main concern is the 1.5 million dollars it cost to run the Community Councils, he would like to know how much it costs to run the other county agencies.

Chair Morley asked Mr. Williams if the particular items that they agreed on with the IG have to be drafted on a different resolution. Mr. Williams stated that the council needs to state what they want in the resolution and he will amend the draft.

Chair Morley read the resolution. Councilmember Hester made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilmember Everett seconded the motion. Resolution number CC 08-05-05 was unanimously adopted by all members present.

Adjournment

Councilman Hester motioned for adjournment of the meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Carswell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Williams, Executive Secretary